

The book itself contains 11 chapters which comprise a biographical sketch of the hypothetical "last of the curlews," an Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*). It is a touching story told by a biologist with a deep understanding of shorebird biology. The skillful avoidance of anthropomorphism is quite remarkable, as is the author's use of language to evoke an emotional response from the reader. The chapters are separated by short sections entitled "The Gantlet" [gauntlet] which consist of vignettes quoted from published historical documents which delineate the slaughter of Eskimo Curlews by man and the virtual disappearance of the species.

This classic story of human exploitation and extinction, together with the penetrating analysis of global problems by Gell-Mann, are well worth reading and discussing, particularly in times of political and economic change.—WILLIAM E. DAVIS, JR.

Erratum

In the paper "Detectability and population density of Scaly-naped Pigeons before and after Hurricane Hugo in Puerto Rico and Vieques Island," (Wilson Bulletin, 107[4]:727–733), the first sentence should be: "Hurricane Hugo hit northeastern Puerto Rico with sustained winds of 30–40 m/s (gusting to 50–60 m/s) on 18 September 1989 (see Boose et al., 1994)."